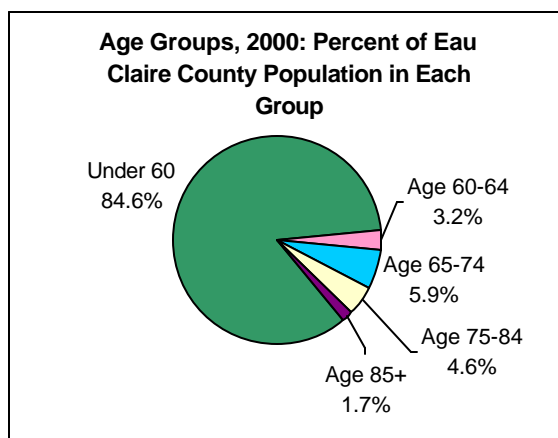

Eau Claire County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Eau Claire County is similar to that of the state as a whole (12.2% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been similar in this county to that of the state as a whole (7.6% versus 7.9%). In all, 11,395 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 1,599 of these are age 85 or older. Eau Claire County's average (or median) age is 32.4 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Eau Claire County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	93,142		85,183		7,959	9.3%
Persons 60 and over	14,368	15.4%	13,752	16.1%	616	4.5%
Persons 65 and over	11,395	12.2%	10,594	12.4%	801	7.6%
Persons 85 and over	1,599	1.7%	1,215	1.4%	384	31.6%



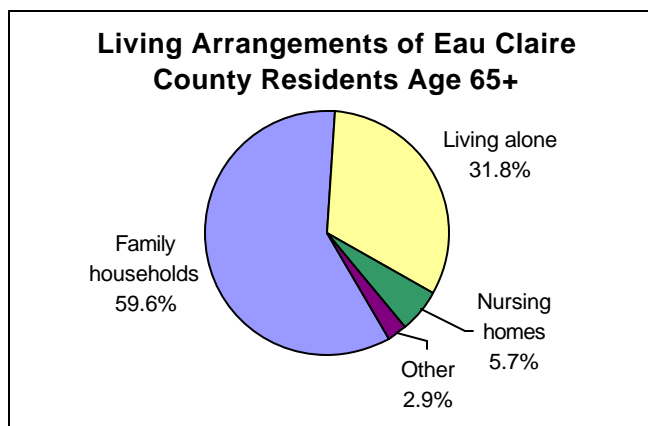
Race:

A large majority (98.8%) of Eau Claire County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Eau Claire County African Americans have a median age of 21.2 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 21.1 years. Whites, in contrast, average 33.5 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 35,822 households in Eau Claire County, 7,817 include at least one person age 65 or older (21.8% of all households). A total of 7,411 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 74.4% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (59.6%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 31.8% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.4% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 649 people age 65 and older live in Eau Claire County nursing homes (5.7% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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